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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 3731

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE : **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING AND CUTTING TISSUE**
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Commissioner for Patents,
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 5, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection with respect the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.